

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Utah is another State.

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Utah as well. So it is not money. Of course, then, we can always just point to Washington, D.C. and the simple fact that it is one of the highest in the Nation, \$8,000 a student. It has some of the worst schools with some of the worst academic performance that we can find anywhere in the United States.

It is not an issue of money. I reiterate, I come back to this essential point that we are debating or discussing here tonight, we are both on the same side of this debate, which is that if we can give parents that ability, and if the opposition will stop fighting this and it will allow us to try to test this hypothesis, I believe it will work very successfully.

Again, I want to thank the gentleman for bringing this issue up tonight. It is a critical issue. It is a very, very important issue.

There are lots of indicators out there that, in the United States, our kids are not able to compete as well as they should. We used to lead the world in education. Our kids were coming out of school the best educated in the world.

One of the interesting facts in all of this is that, at the college level, we continue to lead the world. At the university level, we are leading the world. But at the college and university level, we have a marketplace. We have choice. Everybody knows that.

Once you get to that stage in life, you select the environment you want and the place where you want your kids to go to school. But up until that point, for many parents, they are locked into a public system frequently because of financial issues.

So lo and behold where you have the marketplace in a higher education, we lead the world. I say if we can get a marketplace at the K through 12 level, we will again lead the world in education, and all of America will benefit for that. I believe the world will benefit for that because, when America leads, the whole world prospers.

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Very well said. I appreciate the gentleman from Florida joining me tonight.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DINGELL (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for Wednesday, June 24 and Thursday, June 25, 1998, on account of official business.

Mr. DOYLE (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for Wednesday, June 24 until 5:00 p.m. on account of a death in the family.

Ms. SLAUGHTER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today before 6:30 p.m. on account of district business.

Mr. YATES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for after 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 1998, on account of medical reasons.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MCGOVERN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.  
Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. RUSH, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. UNDERWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.  
Ms. HOOLEY OF OREGON, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MCINNIS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today and on June 25.  
Mr. MORAN OF KANSAS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MYRICK, for 5 minutes, on June 25.

Mr. PITTS, for 5 minutes, on June 25.  
Mr. MCINNIS, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. SANFORD, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

Mr. CONYERS, and to include therein extraneous material, notwithstanding the fact that it exceeds two pages of the RECORD and is estimated by the Public Printer to cost \$2,380.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MCGOVERN) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. TOWNS.  
Mr. KIND.  
Ms. NORTON.  
Mr. KLINK.  
Mr. TIERNEY.  
Mr. HAMILTON.  
Mr. KANJORSKI.  
Mr. HOYER.  
Mr. KLECZKA.  
Mr. SERRANO.  
Mr. VISCLOSKEY.  
Ms. LOFGREN.  
Mr. STOKES.  
Mr. BAESLER.  
Mr. FARR of California.  
Mr. PAYNE.  
Mr. STARK.  
Mr. BENTSEN.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MCINNIS) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. SOUDER.  
Mr. BUNNING.  
Mr. LEWIS of California.  
Mr. PAUL.  
Mr. OXLEY.  
Mr. SMITH of Michigan.  
Mr. RIGGS.

Mr. GALLEGLY.  
Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina.  
Ms. DUNN.  
Mr. CAMP.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. POMEROY.  
Mr. MCINNIS.  
Mr. BARCIA.  
Mr. CONYERS.  
Mr. GILLMOR.  
Mr. WHITFIELD.  
Mr. REDMOND.  
Mr. GUTIERREZ.  
Mr. MCGOVERN.  
Mr. GOODLATTE.  
Mr. WELDON of Florida.  
Mr. ENGEL.  
Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.  
Mr. PACKARD.  
Mr. COOK.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 41 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, June 25, 1998, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

9804. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Minimum Financial Requirements for Futures Commission Merchants [17 CFR Part 1] received June 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9805. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Final Rulemaking Permitting Futures-Style Margining of Commodity Options [17 CFR Parts 1 and 33] received June 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9806. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Revision in Container Regulations [Docket No. FV98-922-1 IFR] received June 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9807. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Onions Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-958-1 FR] received June 19, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9808. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fludioxonil; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300676; FRL-5797-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received June 18, 1998, pursuant to 5